

SHIP BOARD ORDERS RESOLUTION OF ALLEGED CONSPIRACY

Charge That Britain Seeks Destruction of U. S. Marine Brings Action.

CONTRACT OF ONE LARGE FIRM TO BE SCRUTINIZED

American Shipping Company Was
Involved by Speech of
Senator Jones.

An investigation of the contract between the International Mercantile Marine Company, an American corporation, and the British government for the construction of a fleet of mail ships was conducted by the Shipping Board today, after a meeting of the board. An opportunity will be given P. A. S. Franklin, president of the company, and others interested to be heard.

In announcing the action of the board, Frederick I. Thompson, the vice chairman, said it was the duty of the commissioners present that no issue of larger moment affecting the establishment and permanency of an American merchant marine had arisen before the present board for consideration.

Existence of the contract was called to the attention of the National Mercantile Marine Board at its first meeting this week by Senator Jones of Washington, chairman of the Senate commerce committee. The senator made public certain sections of the document, which, he said, showed the company to be a "policy instrument" of the British mercantile marine or of British trade.

Put in Congressional Record.

At the same time the senator pointed out that this company was operating a fleet of American government-owned ships under an arrangement with the Shipping Board. Chairman Jones, of the board, who was not present at today's board meeting, told the merchant marine convention that he had heard of the contract only a few days before.

Mr. Franklin, who also attended the merchant marine convention, stated that he had submitted a copy of it to John Barton Payne, Secretary of the Interior, and that Mr. Payne, chairman of the board, had subsequently denied this and said he had never heard of the contract before.

Senator Jones' address before the Merchant Marine Convention was reported today by request of Senator McKellar, Democrat, Tennessee.

The full resolution.

The inquiry into the contract was authorized by the board, with the adoption of the following resolution:

"Whereas it has come to the attention of the board that there exists a present contract between the International Mercantile Marine Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the state of New Jersey, and the British government, which contains certain clauses alleged to be in violation of the laws of the United States and the development of an American merchant, therefore,

"Resolved, That the United States Shipping Board set aside matter for review and consideration at a meeting of the board to be held in the city of Washington, D. C., to be held on Thursday, January 27, 1921, at 10 o'clock a.m., and

"Resolved, That the secretary of the board be and is hereby directed to investigate the contract, and to report to the board at the meeting of the board on Saturday morning, when the resolution was unanimously adopted, and to cause the same to be printed and distributed to the members of the board, and to the public, and to the end that they may appear and be heard, if they so desire."

The resolution was adopted by a vote of 10 to 0.

Chairman Thompson said:

"The issue raised was considered of consequence and of a nature requiring the attention of the United States Shipping Board. It may be stated that it was the opinion of the commissioners present that the resolution was unanimously adopted, and to cause the same to be printed and distributed to the members of the board, and to the public, and to the end that they may appear and be heard, if they so desire."

TRADE WITH RUSSIA HARDING'S POLICY

France of Maryland Says Britain Influences Our Present Policy.

Senator France, Republican, Maryland, charged in the Senate today that the American government was being influenced by the British government not to trade with Russia, and that, meantime, British merchants were monopolizing the Russian market.

The senator's statement was in reply to an argument by Senator King, Democrat, Utah, opposing trade with Russia, and precipitated a general debate on bolshevism and communism.

"While we report Martens, the trade representative of Russia," Mr. France said, "the British agents confer with Russian emissaries and have trade contracts already prepared for their signatures."

He asserted that "bolshevism and communism do not exist in Russia."

He said they had given way to "the more sound and sane American policy."

The senator referred to the "necessity of developing friendly relations with Russia, and to the fact that the United States and Japan will be at war."

He added that the way to meet this danger was to remove the obstructions this government was placing in the way of trade with that country.

COLBY LEAVES TRINIDAD.

Sets Sail for Hampton Roads After Southern Tour.

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad, January 20.—The United States ship Colby, bearing Secretary of State Colby and his party home from their recent visit to South America, sailed today for Hampton Roads, Va., where she is expected to arrive January 26.

Several entertainments were given in honor of Secretary Colby Wednesday night, ending in a great public ball Wednesday night.

ROCK IS HURLED INTO WINDOW OF HARDING'S BERTH

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., January 22.—During President-elect Harding's stop here early this morning a pane was hurled into one of the windows of the terminal yards, and a rock, through which last night a rook was thrown while the train was en route here, Mr. Harding was not injured.

Secret service men believe that the projectile was hurled by a small boy.

Secret service men and detectives and policemen closely guarded entrances to the terminal yards, and hundreds were prevented from catching a glance of the President-elect, who never left the interior of his private car except to shake hands with a few friends on the rear platform.

HARDING NEARING END OF JOURNEY

Arranges to Play Golf Before His Train Reaches St. Augustine.

By the Associated Press.

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla., January 22.—A program of recreation calculated to insure immunity from the worries of the presidency awaited President-elect Harding upon his arrival here today for a six-week visit to Florida.

Putting his vacation at an end, into full swing, he arranged even before his train reached St. Augustine, to spend this afternoon on the golf links and to put out a few hours later for the houseboat fishing cruise that is to occupy the next two weeks.

He also made it known that during his stay in the south he intends to make a fishing expedition, which is expected to begin late today, the President-elect will be the guest of Senator C. H. Bland, of New Jersey, aboard his houseboat, the "Vermont," which is expected to arrive here today.

The trip will take the party to the Florida coast, where they will cruise down the coast.

Arrives in Jacksonville.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., January 22.—Without any formal reception, President-elect Harding arrived here today in Florida's gateway city at 8:40 this morning and an hour later was en route to St. Augustine, where he will arrive this evening.

Mr. Harding's yacht, the "Vermont," will cruise down the coast.

SHAKES OFF BURDEN.

President-Elect Reaches Florida Smiling and Happy.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla., January 22.—Thirty-four hours of seclusion on the train brought President-elect Harding to St. Augustine, smiling and happy.

The journey from Marion to St. Augustine gave Mr. Harding a real rest he has had in some weeks and greatly refreshed a very tired man. His mood has changed completely. At Marion he had begun to show considerable irritability. This was not due in any sense to the journey, but to the fact that he was getting along famously until the job hunters and the men with axes to grind began to appear about the train. Mr. Harding set about that task with a determination to get the easiest thing he would have to do as chief executive. He soon found, however, that the job hunters were one with him to deal with many men of many minds. So now the President-elect is smiling and happy.

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DAUGHERTY HOLDS PARLEY.

Renewed evidence of the close relationship between the President-elect and his daughter, Mrs. Daugherty, was given today by the train journey. Mr. Daugherty joined his father on the train, and the two men had an uninterrupted talk since the election.

Mr. Daugherty has been doing a deal of scout work for the President-elect. While Mr. Harding has been confined to Marion, Mr. Daugherty has been in the east, and it is believed he has been making a report upon the "reactions" of the Marion conferences and of the "air" of the country.

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DELAY DISARMING UNTIL HARDING IS IN, ROOT SUGGESTS

Thinks New Administration Should Have Opportunity to Investigate Issue.

ADVISES CONGRESS NOT TO MEET NATIONS NOW

Conditions in Eastern Europe Make
Situation Extremely Difficult,
He Says.

The question of total or partial disarmament should not be discussed by the United States with other nations pending a change of administrations March 4, Elihu Root, who helped form the international council of arbitration under the League of Nations, declared in a letter to Chairman Butler of the House naval committee.

The precise method of procedure, Mr. Root said, ought to be determined after and not before Mr. Harding and his Secretary of State have had an opportunity to inform themselves and to reach conclusions as to the way which affords the best prospect of success.

Mr. Root declared his strong belief that steps should be taken promptly after the new administration is established to bring about a general agreement for the next two weeks.

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SENATE CONCURS IN BILL FIXING ARMY AT 175,000

House Measure Goes to President and Approval of Secretary Baker Is Expected.

The House resolution fixing the peace-time strength of the Army at 175,000 men, by directing the Secretary of War to stop recruiting until the force is reduced to that size, was adopted today by the Senate and sent to the White House. A similar resolution which has been before the Senate since last week, after hearing Gen. Pershing.

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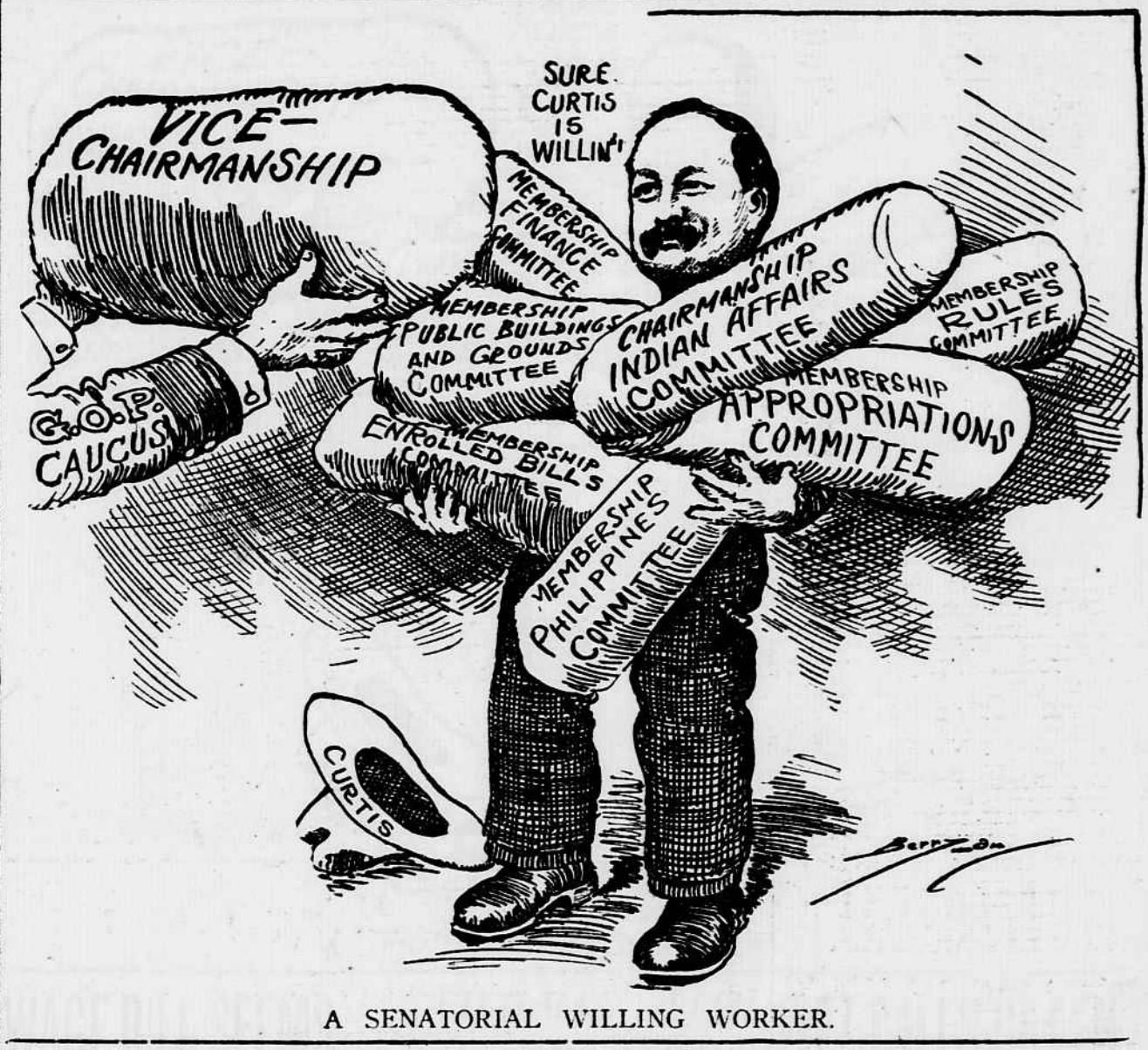
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GRUMBLING SENATE TURNS TO LODGE

Demurs at Reported Choice of Hughes for Secretary of State.

Senator Lodge of Massachusetts is being talked about as a possible compromise selection for Secretary of State. This, too, in the face of the generally accepted understanding that Charles E. Hughes is at present foremost in the mind of President-elect Harding.

For the last week there has been a great deal of grumbling among republicans that Mr. Hughes has been chosen for that office. The fact is the senatorial group is not satisfied with any of the top-line mentioned in connection with the office.

First of the roll, one took on set out to kill off Elihu Root, whereupon Mr. Harding said: "Very well, how about Hughes?"

There seemed to be a certain element started in to find fault with him among themselves. They said he was "too set in his ways," that he had the judicial mind, and they were afraid they could not get along with him.

MOONSHINERS KILL TWO U. S. PROHIBITION AGENTS

Third Mortally Wounded in Battle on Muscle Shoals Canal in Alabama.

FLORENCE, Ala., January 22.—Two prohibition enforcement officers were killed and a third mortally wounded in a battle with moonshiners near a lock on the Muscle Shoals canal in Colbert county, early today, according to reports reaching here.

The slain were Andrew McPheters of Florence, and Don Stephenson of Sheffield. The wounded officer is Ed Hight.

CHICAGO, January 22.—Four men and a woman, believed to be the police, were killed by robbers during the last two months, involving loot between \$200,000 and \$350,000, were arrested today.

Elmer Johnson, one of the suspects, was killed by a bullet in the chest, according to one of the slayers of Paul Loberg, a jeweler, who was shot and killed during a hold-up. Several weeks ago. Several hundred dollars worth of furs were taken by the police.

"WILD MAN" WITH WIFE HE TRAPPED GIVEN A REFUGE

LAUREL, Miss., January 22.—Driven from his cabin in the swamps along Leaf river, by high water, Albert Parsons, an aged white man, and a woman, who says she is his wife, were brought to Laurel and placed in the county poorhouse.

The finding of Parsons is believed to set at rest the reports of a wild man current for years, said to be living in this section.

Parsons says that he and his wife lived on wild root berries and what animals they were able to trap. They were found when a child, while in spite of the cold, was entirely without clothing.

Parsons told the sheriff that he caught his wife in a steel trap many years ago.

PIEZ CALLS GILLEN CHARGES ENTIRE

Also Denies Schwab Used Shipping Board Funds for Personal Expenses.

Charles Piez of Chicago, former director of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, appeared today before the House committee investigating Shipping Board operations to deny charges against the operation of the corporation which were made by Martin J. Gillen, formerly assistant to the chairman of the board, in a special report submitted to the committee some weeks ago.

Mr. Piez had prepared a 5,000-word statement, in which he took up the charges in detail, but it was not read. Chairman Walsh said the witness could read it if he desired, but that the committee already had read it and that time would be wasted by merely admitting it to the record. This was done.

Chairman Walsh questioned the witness, and in the course of the examination Mr. Piez declared that, to his knowledge, no money had been received by him from the government in salary or for personal expenses while director general of the Fleet Corporation.

WITNESS DEFENDS SCHWAB.

Commenting on the charge made to the committee at New York by Col. E. B. Abadie, former controller general of the Shipping Board, that a voucher for \$250,000 had been presented for Mr. Schwab's personal expenses, Mr. Piez declared that he was not a member of the board, and that he was not a director of the Shipping Board.

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Mr. Piez continued, "and we saw the need of bolstering up the construction and the Shipping Board. We needed a man of Mr. Schwab's experience, ability and enthusiasm."

"I know, perhaps better than any one else, the service Mr. Schwab rendered to the government."

He never charged his expenses to the government, Mr. Piez said, but he did charge them to the Shipping Board. He was too high-spirited, he said, to be a man for that.

Mr. Piez said he had a trip to the Pacific coast for an inspection of the Fleet Corporation's work there.

Mr. Schwab paid all of his expenses, as well as those of his private party, the witness said, and I paid mine.

Mr. Piez said he was receiving \$75,000 a year, when he joined the Emergency Fleet Corporation's forces at \$75,000 a year, and that he always paid all of his own expenses.

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Available naval manuals do not reveal the tonnage or dimensions of the "K" class of submarines, which were vessels of war construction. They are known as "fleet" submarines with a length of probably 300 to 350 feet. They were built especially for cruising at sea with the grand fleet.

D. C. BILL FAILS TO GO TO CONFERENCE

Unanimous Consent Refused on Objection by Representative Haugen.

The House refused unanimous consent today, objection being made by Representative Haugen of Iowa, to send the District appropriation bill to conference.

Chairman Mapes of the House District committee called the attention of the House to the new rule adopted last June which makes any legislation subject to conference by the Senate subject to specific action by the House before it can be agreed upon by conference.

Representative Haugen advanced the hope that the operation of the new rule would determine the House's position on the part of the Senate to put amendments on appropriation bills before the Senate.

Representative Haugen said that the House should not be asked to pass a bill which had been passed by the Senate without the House's consent.

WAGON CRASHES DOWN HILL INTO ANOTHER, KILLS FOUR BADLY HURT

Dozen Others Cut by Glass and 150 Shaken Up on Connecticut Avenue.

Four persons were seriously injured, a dozen cut by splintered glass and over 150 others shaken up when the brakes failed to hold a heavily-loaded wagon on the right-hand curb hill between California street and Florida avenue, at 8:30 a.m. today, allowing it to strike the rear of an automobile, brush it aside and then crash into another crowded car at the Florida avenue stop.

Those seriously injured are:

C. L. Colburn, 3208 17th street; right arm broken and two fingers on the left hand crushed, necessitating amputation. Treated at Emergency Hospital.

Bert W. Pierce, 2807 18th street; injured, a dozen cut by splintered glass and over 150 others shaken up when the brakes failed to hold a heavily-loaded wagon on the right-hand curb hill between California street and Florida avenue, at 8:30 a.m. today, allowing it to strike the rear of an automobile, brush it aside and then crash into another crowded car at the Florida avenue stop.

FALLING BRAKES BLAMED; AUTO HAS LUCKY ESCAPE

Miss Florence Feltman, 3402 19th street, face and hands cut. Taken home.

Samuel L. Cochran, 608 H street; bruised about the hips and face and hands. Taken home.

Miss Leah Cohen, 1736 Columbia road; bruised about the body and hands. Taken home.

Other who were shaken and bruised were picked up by passing automobiles and taken home, so that the list of the injured is not complete.

Although the accident caused much excitement, witnesses said there was no panic, and that all of the passengers left the cars in an orderly manner after the crash.

Motorman Stays at Post.

Johnson was on the rear car, and was the first to see that a collision was inevitable, but he remained at his post. He was not injured, but treated at the dispensary where he returned to assist in clearing away the wreckage.

Passengers in the two cars as well as those who witnessed the double accident from the street, marveled that the accident did not result in loss of life.

Opinion differed as to why the car could not stop. Some blamed the brakes and an investigation will be necessary to determine whether the brakes failed or whether the driver was at fault.

Health Officer William C. Fowler today requested Corporation Counsel Stephens to drop the charge against Mr. Johnson.

Christian Science practitioner of 1123 Benjamin street, of alleged failure to report a case of diphtheria as required by the health department.

Dr. Fowler said he obtained a warrant for Mr. Adams on information reported to him by one of his inspectors that the child's mother had attended Evelyn M. Gonzales, fourteen, of 607 Taylor street, who died of diphtheria.

According to health department officials, no report of the case had been made to the health department.

The health officer informed Mr. Stephens that he received information from the coroner that the child's mother had attended Evelyn M. Gonzales, fourteen, of 607 Taylor street, who died of diphtheria.

Mr. Adams had never been to the health department.

Most of those injured were on the front platform of the rear car, which was so badly damaged that it was impossible to cut it away entirely before the wrecked car could be moved. Fortunately, the force of the impact broke the doors of the car, so that the passengers could get out.

The injured an easy means of egress.

A sedan, driven by Col. J. P. Barne, was first obstructed the progress of the speeding street car as it sped down the hill.

"We were coming along at a fair rate when I felt the car hit the rear of the street car," Mr. Barne said, "and I saw the car being shoved along for several feet, but almost turned over. Fortunately, the mechanism was not injured and the car did not stop until it hit the rear of the street car."

Col. Barne's automobile had the tire torn from the left rear wheel and the back of the machine was badly damaged.

The forward street car was standing still when the rear car struck it, and it was shoved along for several feet, but almost turned over. Fortunately, the mechanism was not injured and the car did not stop until it hit the rear of the street car.

Col. Barne's automobile had the tire torn from the left rear wheel and the back of the machine was badly damaged.